

CHAMBER OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
Shoemakersville Borough

April 2, 2019

President Kline called the monthly meeting of the Shoemakersville Borough Council to order in the St. Luke's Church Hall, 5th & Franklin Sts., Shoemakersville, PA at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chris Kline – President, Amy Botwright –Vice President, Joseph Wertz, Jr., Tara Kennedy-Kline, Steve Gilbert, Dana Smith, Dustin Remp – Mayor, Keith Mooney – Solicitor, Bradley Smith – Engineer, and Melissa Wagner- Secretary/Treasurer.

Absent from the meeting: John Leshner

Public Comment

Richard Geschwindt (603 Reber St.): Mr. Geschwindt notes of the potholes on Franklin St., near the old mill, heading toward the park. Mr. Geschwindt asks when the Pigeon Creek Bridge project will be completed, with President Kline stating the bridge work will be finished by the end of June 2019. Mr. Geschwindt asks for the water test results, with Ms. Wagner stating that Suburban tested the water on March 13 at the water plant and New Era Logistics, and that all results met the necessary requirements.

Parker Benfer (603 Lincoln St.): Mr. Benfer notes that approximately 2/3 of the way down Lincoln St., the road dips, possibly due to an underground stream. Mr. Wertz feels it may be a sewer or storm sewer lateral. Mr. Benfer states that the street sign for Lincoln St. is missing and asks that it be replaced.

Scott Homel (Pintzuk-Brown Realty Group): Mr. Homel represents the firm that owns the CVS and neighboring property. He discusses the pool agreement of sale and the access agreement. They are waiting for the final comments from Penndot and Perry Township for their project for 4 new pad sites. The RV company will be moving once the project begins, as the supermarket company does not wish to have them onsite. The CVS will be moved to the corner next to the traffic light.

As wetlands have grown on their 16 acre parcel, they are now required to follow the wetlands litigation program. The soil tests they will be conducting will be completed using handheld augers and not heavy equipment. The testing will entail boring 3 ½" x 24" holes, which will be back filled. They are proposing a traffic light be installed, as well as a road leading from Route 61 to Main St. Trucks will then be able to enter the property directly from Route 61. The entire parking lot will be milled and repaved, with updated lighting. The access agreement is for them to access the property that the borough still owns, that they wish to purchase. The firm is waiting for all approvals to come through, before completing the purchase of the land. Solicitor Mooney references the access agreement and notes of the reduction of the letter of credit to \$2,500. He has no issue changing the scope of work to the exhibit that was prepared, or to any of their other proposed changes. The date will be extended April 1, 2020. Solicitor Mooney and Mr. Homel discuss the soil testing.

Vice President Botwright references the test pits that were previously dug and not restored. Mr. Homel states they did not conduct any prior digging or testing on site, and feels phantom dumping took place on the property. There are two piles of dirt, each covered with rocks that do not appear to be from that area. He has no issue having their landscaper spread the dirt. No machinery was brought onto the land; they only used flags to survey the property. The property would be accessed from their already owned property at CVS. They would park in the lot and walk over.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the Council President and Borough Secretary to execute the pool access agreement, upon the already established approval of the Borough Solicitor. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement

- **Zoning Hearing Board:** A hearing is scheduled for April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the borough office.
- **Line Locators:** Mr. Smith and Council discuss the quote for the line locator equipment, which can be used to locate pipes, cable lines, and utility lines. The matter will be further discussed at the April workshop meeting.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Mooney

- **Pool Agreement of Sale:** Needs to be finalized.
- **Shoemakersville Municipal Authority:** Solicitor Mooney and President Kline need to discuss the authority.
- **Perry Township Municipal Authority:** Council is close to forming a response to PTMA regarding the 2nd St. paving issue.
- **17 Main St.:** Set for the April sheriff's sale.

Engineer's Report – *report will remain on file in office*

- **Main St. Bridge Repair:** The paint on the bridge girders was stripped and primer is painted on most of the girders. Sidewalk, curb, and parapet are repaired. Steel is scheduled for delivery the first week of April. The project is on schedule. The contractor has been blocking the road with their backhoe.
- **Clarifier Repairs:** Repairs are currently in progress. The internals are removed and the new components are being fabricated.
- **VLR #2:** ARRO is adding language to the specifications to incorporate a completion date and liquidated damage penalties to the proposed contract documents.
- **Additional Work at the Sewer Plant:** ARRO is assisting staff with the replacement of the sludge dumpster railings. Engineer Smith discusses ARRO to providing a PSA, schedule, and price for the design of the headworks and sludge handling equipment.
- **Filter Media Replacement:** PADEP has given approval to proceed with the project. ARRO and the solicitor have reviewed the contract and sent revisions to Blooming Glen. Blooming Glen is finalizing the agreement and will submit the paperwork to ARRO.
- **Sewer Televising:** ARRO is working with staff to prepare a list of repairs to include in the quote for COSTARS. The previously developed repairs list is being reviewed and a scope of working is being developed. Mr. Dietrich notes that budgeted repairs and targeted areas will be addressed first. COSTARS will be notified of the upcoming projects.
- **Source Water Protection:** A draft of the Source Water Protection plan was reviewed by Council at the workshop meeting. The plan was delivered to PADEP for their revisions.

- **DCED Multimodal Transportation Grant:** Should soon be hearing the results of the grant application for Apple Lane.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence

The next Berks County Commissioners breakfast meeting will be April 26 at Brecknock Fire Company. The borough office will be opening at 11:00 a.m. on April 10 and will be closed from April 19 – 22. Deadline for spring newsletter content is April 17.

Mayor's Report

Approximately 100 poles on Main St., Franklin St., and Noble Ave. have been marked for the Hometown Heroes banner program. Mayor Remp has been speaking with Leesport Borough, as they are also going through the process. Hardware for the banners cost approximately \$75. Vice President Botwright notes that the banners are typically good for 1-2 years before having to be replaced. Mayor Remp will be forwarding the pole information to Met-Ed. Council discusses who will install the banners.

Operator's Report – Mr. Dietrich

DEP has given approval to proceed with the media replacement. Next week staff will be at the Suburban Lab office to receive certification in calibration and sampling of chlorine, which is a new DEP requirement. The annual water withdrawal report for 2018, which noted that all wells combined produced 30.1 million gallons of water, was submitted to DEP. The transducer was repaired and the solenoid was changed.

An air leak inside the blower room at the sewer plant was repaired. The lighting in the press building was restored. Blooming Glen completed all work related to the scum pump project. Clarifier 1 was drained and washed. Excelsior Blower Company performed preliminary vibration testing to blowers 3 & 4, and plan to complete the mechanical repairs within the next 60 days.

Mr. Dietrich met with Coyne Chemical Company to discuss better pricing for the chlorine cylinders and 55 gallon drums. He would like to purchase the chemicals from Coyne. Solicitor Mooney discusses whether or not bids would be needed for the purchase of chemicals. Mr. Dietrich notes that there is no current contract for the chemicals and the yearly cost would average \$4,000. Engineer Smith notes that the Berks County Water & Sewer Association could also be contacted for bid information.

Committee Reports

Property/Streets/Sanitation – Mr. Smith

Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes that the Folk Paving quotes for 2nd St. were incomplete and that she will have the correct information for the workshop meeting.

Mr. Smith notes of the increased traffic on Franklin St. due to the Main St. bridge work. Ms. Kennedy-Kline notes of the cones that Kantner's Tire placed out in the roadway, in a potential effort to slow traffic down. Council discusses the cone placement.

President Kline is working with tech support for the electronic speed signs, as Penndot's regulations only permit the words "slow down" to be displayed in an amber tint.

Sewer – Mr. Wertz

Mr. Dietrich obtained two quotes for stock valves.

*A motion is made by Mr. Wertz to authorize the purchase of a 6" valve for \$1,366.40 and 2 gear boxes for \$880. Seconded by Ms. Kennedy-Kline. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wertz notes that PTMA and the Shoemakersville Municipal Authority were invited to attend the April workshop meeting.

Water – President Kline

The filter media project is moving forward. The transducer has been repaired. Well 5 is operating nicely.

Parks/Recreation – Ms. Kennedy-Kline

The earth day event at the park will begin at 11:00 a.m. on April 22. Vice President Botwright notes that there will be clean-up activities for all ages and that literature will be available to the public regarding source water.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the rental of 2 port-a-potties for the Children’s Fair at a cost not to exceed \$250. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

Kistler O’Brien performed an inspection of the park concession stand and noted that the control head gearing should be replaced.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the repair of the head gear at the park pavilion by Kistler O’Brien, at a cost not to exceed \$910. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Botwright states that the pool rates for 2019 will remain the same, with a discount for passes being purchased before June 1.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to approve the 2019 pool rates as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kennedy-Kline received quotes from Mr. Zimmerman to install railings at the skate park ramp. As they are quite high, she will be requesting additional quotes. Council discusses the kick plates as well. Vice President Botwright suggests contacting Dissinger Enterprises for a quote.

Vice President Botwright discusses the overflow parking lot at the park, noting that Folk Paving is expanding the lot with more gravel, free of charge. This is a permeable surface. Council discusses the RV lot.

Law/Planning/Zoning – Mr. Wertz

The review of the updated zoning ordinance is complete. Solicitor Mooney states that a public hearing must be held first, followed by advertisement of the ordinance prior to adoption. The ordinance will be finalized for the workshop meeting and should be made available for review at the borough office, as well as forwarded to the county planning commission, the law library, and to the Reading Eagle.

Employee Relations – President Kline

Mr. Roth has completed his 30 day probation period.

*A motion is made by Ms. Kennedy-Kline to increase Kyle Roth’s pay rate to \$16/hr., retroactive to March 13. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously.

Approvals/Finance/Pension – Vice President Botwright

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the minutes for March 19, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to approve the bills payable for April 2, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

*A motion is made by Vice President Botwright to adopt Resolution 19-2019, setting the rates for the sewage enforcement officer review fees. Seconded by Mr. Wertz. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business - none

Old Business - none

There being no further business, a motion is made by Mr. Wertz to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Botwright. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wagner
Secretary/Treasurer